

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 7001 - HB 7003

January 16, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Excludes student growth evaluation composites derived from assessments administered in the 2020-21 school year from being used for evaluating teachers, except in certain circumstances. Prohibits the state from requiring certain teachers to be evaluated using an alternate growth model or growth portfolio model for the 2020-21 school year. Authorizes local education agencies (LEAs) and public charter schools to evaluate such teachers utilizing such models in certain circumstances.

Authorizes each LEA to choose the percentage of the Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) score which will count towards the final grade of a student in grades 3-12 during the 2020-21 school year. Prohibits the use of student performance and growth data from 2020-21 TCAP tests to assign letter grades to schools, identify a school as a priority school, or assign a school to the Achievement School District (ASD).

Revises certain teacher tenure eligibility requirements. Prohibits the use of student performance on assessments used to assess student readiness for postsecondary education administered in the 2020-21 from the evaluation criteria for school principals.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- No change in Basic Education Program funding.
- Adjusting the required use of various criteria used to determine teacher evaluations, student and school letter grades, identify a school as a priority school, and assign schools to the ASD, as required by the proposed legislation, will have no significant impact on the Department of Education (DOE) or LEAs.
- DOE and LEAs will be able to amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'B' and 'S'.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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